The Pastimes of Nimai Pandit

Act Three - Nimai Pandit's Sankirtan Movement

Caitanya as Krsna –Ecstasy in the Courtyard

(Malini is seated. Nimai enters.)

Narrator: Why, it's Malini! Why are you sitting out here?

Malini: See here, I have threaded a garland for You. Everyone else decorates You with garlands and sandalwood paste and I also have the desire to garland You. I have prepared this in that hope. (holds it up) You will put it on, won't You?

Narrator: (smiling) Give it here.
(He holds out His hand but she places the garland around His neck.) What do you see, Mallini?

Malini: (startled) Oh! What do I see? What else! I am looking at You and Oh! I have never beheld anything like this before!(flute music is heard) What exquisite beauty! Oh, I must have performed a great many pious activities my heart bets with contentment! How sweet the sound of the flute! My Lord, please play it once more! Alas, I can't understand! I can't! My life's cup is overflowing with contention!
(Mother Saci enters)

Saci: Dear me, what is this? Nimai, are You all right?

Nimai: (in ecstatic trance) I hold the conch, wheel, mace and lotus I am Krsna. The deluded humanity does not recognize Me.
See Lord Brahma and other demigods approach me with folded hands, offering panegyrics. I incarnate in every millennium to destroy the demons and uphold religious principles. Creation, maintenance and annihilation are carried out under my orders. I am the Supreme Absolute Whole yet I pervade everything.

Saci: Nimai, Nimai, my darling, what is this all about?

Nimai: See. Look. Open your eyes. Behold the entire cosmic manifestation in the pores of My body. Who is My father? Who is My mother? And who is My son or brother? I appear in many forms in this material Universe.

Saci: Gracious me! All is lost! What is happening to me? Nimai, Nimai, my

dearest, please be calm!

Nimai: Who are you? And who is your Nimai? I, and no one else is the Supreme Absolute and Ultimate. Everything else is but the transformation of My energies.

Saci: O Divine Mother, what is happening to me!? Is Nimai possessed by a ghost? Or, is it simply some illness like having an excess of wind in the system? Why do I have to suffer in this way?

Nimai: I lie on Ananta Sesa in the Causal Ocean and by the arrangement of My internal potency, Laksmidevi is serving My feet. Who but Me decides the workings of the material cosmos - millions of universes are created in a matter of moments. Everything, whether creation, preservation or destruction is carried out by My energy. This illusory energy of Maya is the cause of duality.
(Some ladies enter)

Neighbor: Dear Lady, what has overcome your son?

Saci: I am at a complete loss! He returned home and started shouting these incomprehensible statements to me. (in a deep voice) "I am unadulterated and Absolute. There is no truth superior to Me. The illusory maya potency creates dualities," And some such blabberings!

Nimai: This mundane world is the cause of desire. Hence, O living entities, forsake your sensual hankerings; then, surely you can achieve the eternal treasure easily. The desire to enjoy gives birth to mind and mind is the cause of the body. The mind simply floats on the ocean of unlimited desires. The living entity becomes bewildered by the spirit of exploitation and enjoyment and forgets his original constitutional identity as the eternal servant of the Supreme Lord. Thus, he is forced to take birth in a human body. Puffed-up by the mood of "lording it over the material energy," he is put into dark delusion. Engrossed in struggling against the temporal forces of sadness and joy, and tolerating the inevitable cycle of birth and death, life after life. Being so entangled, he is unable to muster up sufficient effort to put an end to his miseries.

Out of compassion for these suffering souls, I have appeared in this human form. By the propagation of the Lord's Holy Names, I shall drive away their distress e to illusion. O souls stricken with affliction, take shelter of Me and dissolve your discontent!

Saci: Just see this great mishap! Do you listen to what He says!?

Nimai: I play on the flute in the forests of Vrndavan for the pleasure of the

gopis. Whoever desires My love, I shower them profusely with it, relieving them from the whirlpool of material attachments. Come, all who are thirsting, and drink from the inexhaustible Spring of Divine Love!

Neighbor: My dear Saci Devi, try to recollect Nimai's earlier days As an infant, your son would immediately stop His crying on hearing the Holy Name! I am sure this disease will be cured simply by loud chanting. Come, let us all sing Hari's name!

All: Haribol! Haribol! Haribol!

Nimai: Yes! Chant in great tumult the Lord's name! There is no other process for Salvation than the chanting of the Holy Names! It will bless you with all perfection.
The Lord's name is the quintessence of all spiritual activities. Sing the Holy Names! Chant the Holy Names! Vibrate the Holy Names all the time! Abrogate your anxiety, the Holy Names will transport you to the Lord's eternal abode!
He is dear to Me who sings the Holy Names of Hare and Krsna!

All: Haribol! Hare Krsna!

Saci: Nimai, O Nimai! Why have You become so, my Darling?: You are the vision for the blind! See how your mother has to shed tears!

Nimai: (Coming out of trance) Mother! Mother! Why is there such a crowd here?

Saci: Nimai! Tell me who has done this to You? Why did You lose Your mental equilibrium?

Nimai: Why Mother, what do you mean? Mental equilibrium? I have not lost anything.

Saci: My darling son, my love, why bring more misery to this unfortunate soul? Just come, dear, it is past noon and You have not eaten anything. After lunch, You should rest
(Everyone leaves.)